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introduce forces, or counterforces, into them and in this way to maintain a support surface 20 of the support devices 03, or 04, in contact of a predeterminable intensity with support devices of immediately adjoining cylinders/rollers/spindles. For example, the support devices 03, 04 can be made from special steel in the form of highly accurate true-running, preferably endless support rings, so-called "Schmitz rings". The support devices 03, 04, which are advantageously provided between the left, 05, and right cylinder barrel end 10 - they can be, but do not necessarily have to be in the center of the barrel, for example - will be called "intermediate support rings" for short in what follows. The support devices can also be arranged outside of the barrel center.

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[0021] However, in the embodiment in accordance with Fig. 1 it would also be possible to pull up endless printing forme sleeves 86 and rubber blanket sleeves 87 interchangeably. This is in particular possible in an arrangement in which only one intermediate support device 03, or 04, per cylinder 01, 02 is provided, and no outer support rings 09, 15 are provided.

Marked-up copies of these replacement paragraphs are enclosed for the Examiner's review.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 41 as presented in the Second Preliminary Amendment, as follows:

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41. (Amended) A printing unit of a rotary printing press comprising:
at least one forme cylinder;